

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 7, line 19:

--In Fig. 2, regulating members (abutting members) 55 and 56 for ensuring gaps (hereinafter referred to as the SD gaps) between the developing sleeves S1, S2 and the photosensitive drum 35 are mounted outside a developing area, often on the opposite end portions of the developing sleeves. Path S is the path of regulating member 55 and optical path T is the path of regulating member 56 during rotation in the direction R.--